



The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



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Col. John S. Mosby Museum Opens its Doors

The new John S. Mosby Museum and Education Center, a project that has been in the works for years, is finally ready to open. The grand opening is set for the weekend of March 9 -10.

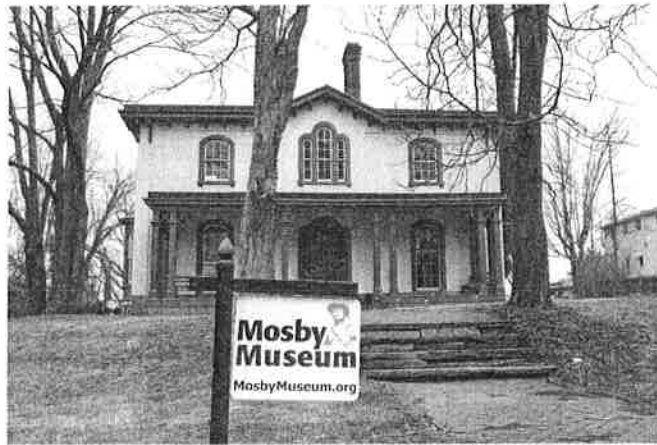
The Museum is located in the historic home known as Brentmoor, where Col. Mosby and his family lived following the Civil War. The Mosby Museum is dedicated to programs, education, and research concerning the life and times of the John Singleton Mosby family.

The weekend-long opening event will commence at 11:30 AM on Saturday, March 9 at the Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center, with an opening ceremony led by Warrenton's Mayor George Fitch. Immediately following the Mayor, Dr. James Ramage will present the keynote speech. Dr. Ramage is Northern Kentucky Regents Professor of History and author of "Gray Ghost: The Life of Col. John Singleton Mosby." After his presentation, Dr. Ramage will answer questions from the public and lead a discussion.

At 1:00 PM there will be a short video presentation on the life of Col. John S. Mosby and his family in Warrenton. After that, tours will be given of the new museum from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Anyone wishing to take a tour of the museum is asked to gather at the Visitor Center, which is located at 33 North Calhoun Street. It's first come, first served, and attendees at the opening ceremony will be given the first tours, with additional guests taken in groups through the museum afterward.

The grand opening event will continue on Sunday, March 10, beginning with an encore presentation of the video of Col. Mosby's life in Warrenton at 1:00 PM at the Visitor Center, followed by guided group tours of Brentmoor from 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

The Brentmoor home tours will feature a meeting with Col.



Mosby's great-great grandson, a display of original Mosby artifacts, and a viewing of Col. Mosby's office and Pauline Mosby's sitting room. Short presentations by Mosby historians will take place in the home. A special exhibit will

focus on Mosby and his Rangers' capture of Gen. James Stoughton at the Union Army's Fairfax camp, and their arrival in Warrenton.

All grand opening activities and guided tours will begin from the Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center; visitors will not be able to enter Brentmoor directly from Main Street. Guests will need to sign in at the Visitor Center in order to receive a visitor/tour number.

After the weekend celebration, the Mosby Museum will be

open to the public for tours and special exhibits on selected weekdays and weekends.

For more information about the Mosby Museum, please visit www.MosbyMuseum.org, e-mail

Jennifer@PartnershipforWarrenton.org, or call (540) 351-1600. ■



One of the Town's celebrated heroes, Col. John S. Mosby (a.k.a., the Gray Ghost) rests in the Warrenton Town Cemetery, not far from his post-war home, Brentmoor.



Warrenton Moves to Get Citizens Prepared for Emergencies



"Tornados and hurricanes and earthquakes, oh my!" We aren't in Kansas anymore Toto... in fact, sometimes it feels like we aren't even in Virginia anymore!

With derechos and other new weather phenomena shaking things up here in the Piedmont, the Town Council decided to better prepare citizens for the foreseeable results of these conditions, and others, if they befall Warrenton and environs.

Loss of electrical power; shortages of fuel, water and even food stocks; and significant interruption of communications -- all potentially for extended periods -- are the prime concerns. Warrenton is working, proactively, to get out ahead of the predictable dislocations these spell for residents.

All agree that the community has great first responders -- our fire, rescue and police. And, in general, both the Town and the county have well rehearsed disaster plans, and an effective Emergency Operations Center (EOC), opened and staffed each time we face harsh weather or other potential public safety challenges.

But thorough preparation, for the kind of extended hardship conditions that could arise by any number of scenarios, requires this governmental top-down process to be supplemented with a matching citizens' bottom-up effort. That means every household getting better prepared to care for itself, extended families (along with pets), and neighbors.

Residents will be encouraged to stock staples, batteries, and other necessities; and to have alternative communication methods on hand, including hand crank radios. Did you know that, when all other forms of communication are down, you can get critical local emergency information from radio station WKCW, at AM 1420?

State and federal government urge this kind of preparation, and have created standardized structures, including Citizen Corps Councils and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, to advance bottom-up preparedness of, by and for citizens. These work with civic

groups already devoted, in part, to supporting the community in emergencies (e.g., the Red Cross, Virginia Militia and Ham Radio operators); and they reach out to affinity groups (e.g., churches, scout troops, social clubs) to coordinate members through advance planning.

On January 8th, the Town Council created a preparedness task force to accelerate an implementation strategy for this kind of community-based planning. Police Chief Lou Battle, Town Manager Ken McLawhon, and Third Ward Councilman Yakir Lubowsky are the task force members, with Lubowsky the chairman.

It is anticipated that the county will initiate a parallel effort, and Councilman Lubowsky is working with Center District Supervisor Chris Granger, to coordinate and ultimately combine these processes. "Disasters do not recognize jurisdictional lines," said Lubowsky at the work session where the task force was discussed.

The first step is to establish a Warrenton Citizen Corps Council (CCC), initiated by the task force. Ultimately the CCC will run independently of government, through work groups interacting with public safety professionals, all under citizen leadership.

For more information, or if you may be interested in joining one of the work groups, contact Councilman Yak Lubowsky, ylubowsky@warrentonva.gov or at (540) 341-1992. ■

Cardiovascular Tune Up for Town Water Lines

The Town of Warrenton Utilities Department is starting to schedule its bi-annual flushing of the water distribution lines. This is a standard maintenance practice normally performed twice a year to clear the water lines of any sediment, and to inspect and exercise the valves and fire hydrants.

The Utility Department has tentatively planned this flushing for mid-March thru April, between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM. When the final schedule is completed, it will be posted in the newspaper and on the local cable channel.

If you experience any discoloration in your water, such as a rusty or brownish color, this can normally be resolved by running your cold water until it clears. This process usually takes two to seven minutes. Don't run the hot water to clear up the water. This only allows the discolored water to enter the hot water tank. If, after all attempts have been made to clear up the water it is still discolored, please contact Warrenton Utilities Superintendent Richard Wines at (540) 347-1858 and a service person will respond. ■



Warrenton's first responders lead the way in emergency preparedness, but citizen readiness and action are also important in insuring safety during disasters.

Pruning During the Dormant Season

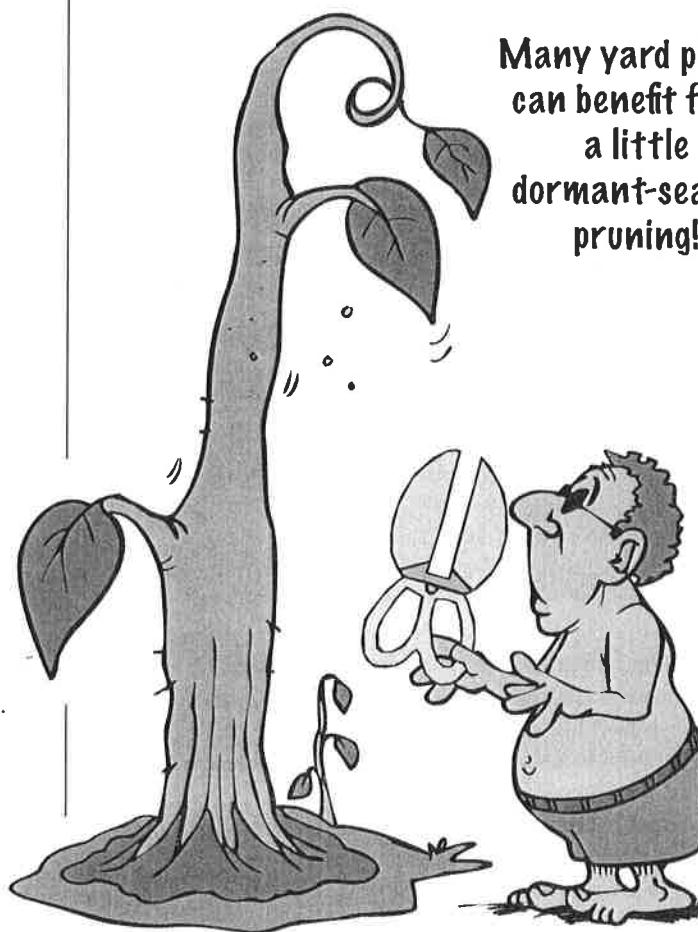
Let's start the New Year out right and begin pruning correctly! Many people are confused about which plants should be pruned during which season. And rightly so. Experienced tree and plant experts have it all in their heads, but the rest of us have to search out this important information. To make your pruning life easier, and more successful, here's a list of plants you can prune right now, during the dormant season. These are plants that create flower buds on new wood, wood that will be made this spring.

- Fruit trees
- All evergreen shrubs such as boxwood, holly, yews, junipers and the like.
- Rose of Sharon can be done later in winter.
- Crape myrtle can be pruned in late winter, or in early spring but before growth begins.
- Summer blooming spirea such as Anthony Waterer.
- Many viburnums
- Barberry
- Vitex
- Cherry laurel
- Red and yellow twig dogwood can be cut to the ground.
- Butterfly bush should be cut to the ground.
- Burning bush
- Summer-blooming hydrangea, paniculata and arborescence
- Osmanthus
- Nandina
- Privet/ligustrum
- Ornamental trees
- Large shade trees
- Buddleia
- Beautyberry
- Caryopteris
- Buttonbush
- Euonymus, (deciduous and evergreen)
- Witchhazel
- Coralberry, Snowberry
- Prune evergreen shrubs close to bud break.
- Cut back perennials close to spring, if not done yet.
- Many roses can be cut back now.
- Magnolias (evergreen and deciduous)



TIP: If you are renewing a shrub -- cutting it back to the ground -- do so just before growth begins, even if it is a shrub normally pruned during summer. Only one season of flowers is lost and all the plant's energy goes towards building a new plant. ■

Submitted by the Warrenton Tree Board



Many yard plants
can benefit from
a little
dormant-season
pruning!

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Memorial Day – May 27

Monday, 5/27/13 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 5/28/13 – Double refuse collection
(Monday and Tuesday's refuse)

Wednesday, 5/29/13 – Recycling collections
(blue bags, newspaper and cardboard)

Thursday, 5/30/13 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 5/31/13 – Regular refuse collection

** During the holiday weekends, there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility, located at 360 Falmouth Street. ■*



News From the WARF



Kids T-Shirt Contest

Children Ages 5 - 17 are encouraged to compete for a chance to display their artwork on WARF T-shirts. Kids will get to showcase their art talents, and a chance to win one of four great prizes.

Here's how it works.

Create a drawing with the theme "pool safety" on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of unruled paper using only markers. You can also create an electronic drawing on your computer. The grand prize winner's drawing or design will be printed on T-shirts that will be worn by the WARF lifeguard staff during the month of May (Water Safety Month). The grand prize winner will also receive a WARF Annual Family Membership for up to four family members (valued at up to \$1,300). Three runner-up prizes also will be awarded.

Every child is a winner in this contest, because every participant will receive a WARF Youth Day Pass.

For more information and to receive a registration form, please visit the WARF front desk or visit our website at www.warrentonva.gov (the WARF is listed under the Parks & Rec tab). Please note that drawings and designs will not be accepted without a completed registration form.



TRX: The Newest Fitness Craze at the WARF

TRX is a type of training that uses your own body weight and gravity to build strength, balance, coordination, flexibility and core and joint stability. By using your own body weight and gravity, you're able to adjust to your own personal fitness level. The WARF offers indoor and outdoor variations of TRX.

Here is what WARF members are saying about the class:

"I've completed several sessions of TRX over the past year, and am currently enrolled in the winter offering. I enjoy the challenge of the TRX. It is a complete body workout and fun at the same time. Who knew that such simple equipment can have such fabulous results? I've noticed that it tones and works my body quickly. It is a wonderful compliment to my other WARF classes. Beth is an encouraging coach. Give it a try - you'll love it!"

— Kathi Eanes

"I was ready to get serious about my health so I took the free TRX class. It was a bit intimidating; I didn't think I could do it. I had a good conversation with an instructor and signed up. I have been hooked ever since. The bands let you push as much as you feel you can and the stronger you get the more you push yourself. I love it. I feel stronger in every part of my body, and feel like I can do it, and more. I love the challenge; it feels empowering, not really like exercise. I never felt intimidated. I love this class and would recommend it to anyone." — C. Hamilton

"My exercise regime consisted solely of water aerobic classes. I felt I needed a land workout and signed up for TRX. I have been taking TRX classes for almost a year now and find it compliments my water classes. It gives me more energy and works on strengthening the core, muscles and joints. However, more importantly, it is fun!" — Susan Taft

Spring Aquatics Classes

Swim Lessons

Learn to Swim Lessons are available for children and adults of all ages and ability levels at the WARF. Lessons will be starting throughout the spring season and are taught by certified instructors. They're based on the American Red Cross swim lesson program. Register now!

Summer Prep

Designed to get competitive swimmers, ages 10 - 17, back in the pool to get ready for their summer swim team. Swimmers will be working on stroke technique, starts, turns and endurance. Previous competitive swim team experience is highly recommended. Classes meet twice a week for 11 weeks.

WARF Swim Club

WARF Swim Club is a non-competitive, fun swim club for ages 6 - 12. Focus is on proper technique and performance in the four strokes; freestyle, breaststroke,

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backstroke and butterfly. Competition skills are introduced, such as starts and turns, as well as the importance of self-improvement. Swimmers can enjoy the benefits of swimming in a non-competitive environment while they work on bridging their skills from swimming lessons into the possibility of joining a competitive swim team.

Certification Courses

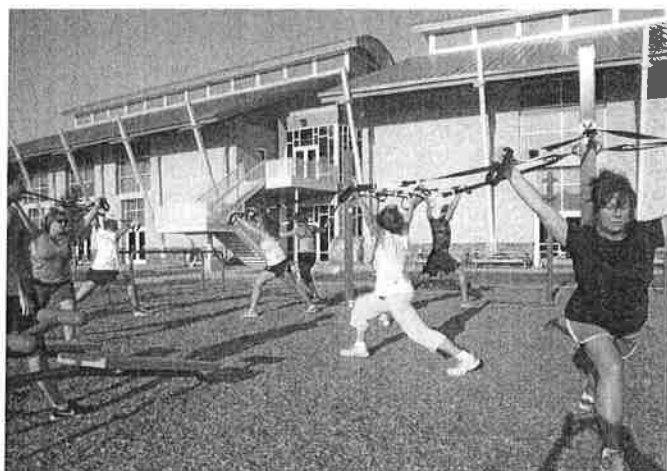
The WARF is offering a full lineup of certification courses this spring including Lifeguard Training Courses, a WSI course and First Aid/CPR/AED Recertification courses.

Homeschool PE Program

This fun and exciting functional program for homeschooled youth includes American Red Cross swim lessons, fitness, recreation, and sports through an interactive social environment. The classes emphasize building healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Land fitness themes include: cardio development, balance and coordination, flexibility and core strength. Students will participate in activities including boot camp, interval training, TRX and many other exciting fitness activities.

The Fitness Pit at the WARF

Take a trip over to the WARF and check out the Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation Department's new "Outdoor Fitness Pit." The Fitness Pit, or "Fit Pit," is a recreation area that includes a TRX training suspension system and several outdoor fitness stations, including push-up bars, a back extension station, pull-up bars, a pommel horse, sit-up bench and dual exercise bars. The Fitness Pit is open to the public when WARF Fit Pit classes are not in session. The WARF conducts a specialty group fitness class, "Outdoor Fit Pit/TRX Circuit," at the Fitness Pit. For more information, please contact the WARF at (540) 349-2520.



Coming Soon to the WARF

Weekend Memberships

A new membership option will soon be available at the WARF for those interested in weekend-only facility usage. Weekend memberships can be used Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and will include all the perks of regular WARF membership (full facility usage, group fitness classes, reduced aquatic and specialty class fees and scan card check-in). Stay tuned for more information!

Summer Pool Passes

Summer Pool Passes for kids will be available for the first time this summer. Make a one-time Summer Pool Pass purchase and have unlimited access to both pools all summer long (May 25 - August 23). Eliminate the hassle and expense of purchasing day passes each time you visit! Stay tuned for more information! ■

The FUN
Runs
DEEP
at the
WARF!



Quote the Groundhog: "Get Ready for Spring!"

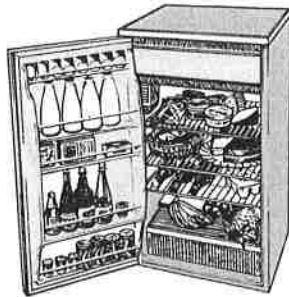
While you're still humming, "Let it Snow" to yourself, it's already time to start thinking about spring.

Warrenton's annual Spring Clean-Up Week has been scheduled for April 15 – 19. Yep, it's that time of year when Town trucks provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly refuse schedule.

Here's the deal: please place all refuse items on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your neighborhood. No return trips can be made. All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies or contractors; it's the responsibility of the company doing the work to take away those items. All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Dirt, rocks, sod, stumps and large logs will not be picked up.

News Flash On Freon

There's breaking news this spring in regard to items containing Freon. The Town has found a recycling company that will take these items with no charge to you for draining the Freon. Previously, Town residents had to pay a fee with the pick-up of Freon appliances to cover the removal of this greenhouse-gas substance. Now, Town crews will take away these items for you for free. Items containing Freon (a refrigerant) include air conditioning units, humidifiers and dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers. To have your item removed, put it out on your day, and please remove the door if it's a refrigerator or freezer.



The Wheels on the Bus

Also new for this Spring Clean-Up Week collection, Town crews will take your old tires. But there's a \$3 fee per tire (which you'd have to pay anyway if you hauled them to the landfill yourself). If you have tires you want to unload, please call Public Works in advance and make arrangements to pay for them and have them picked up. The fee must be paid in advance, or crews will leave your tires behind when they come through your neighborhood.

The Usual No-No List

The Town will not pick up TV's, computers, monitors, printers, copy machines, fax machines, battery packs, microwave ovens or liquid paint. These items must be recycled at the landfill, and there are fees to dispose of some

of these items. You can get more information about these items from the landfill folks at the Fauquier County Waste Management Office. Call them at (540) 422-8840.

By the way, though crews can't take your liquid paint, if you have paint cans containing dried up paint, just take off the lids and set them out with the rest of your trash.

For more information about Spring Clean-Up Week, check the Town's website, or call the Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858.

Spring Clean-Up Week Schedule

(See map on page 7, and please note that there have been some changes in areas D and E on the map.)

Area A – Monday, 4/15/13

Area B – Tuesday, 4/16/13

Area C – Wednesday, 4/17/13

Area D – Thursday, 4/18/13

Area E – Friday, 4/19/13 ■

Warrenton Cemetery Clean-Up Notice

The Town of Warrenton would like to inform all citizens that it will be doing a pre-spring cleaning in the Warrenton Cemetery in early March. Town crews will be removing all winter and Christmas flower arrangements in preparation for spring mowing and maintenance.

All arrangements, decorations or flowers that are dead, dried up, faded or falling apart will be removed beginning March 11, so please collect any items you wish to keep (vases, saddles, baskets, etc.) no later than March 11.

The Town prides itself on the beauty of its Warrenton Cemetery, and appreciates your cooperation in keeping it lovely. Any questions about the cemetery clean-up may be directed to Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

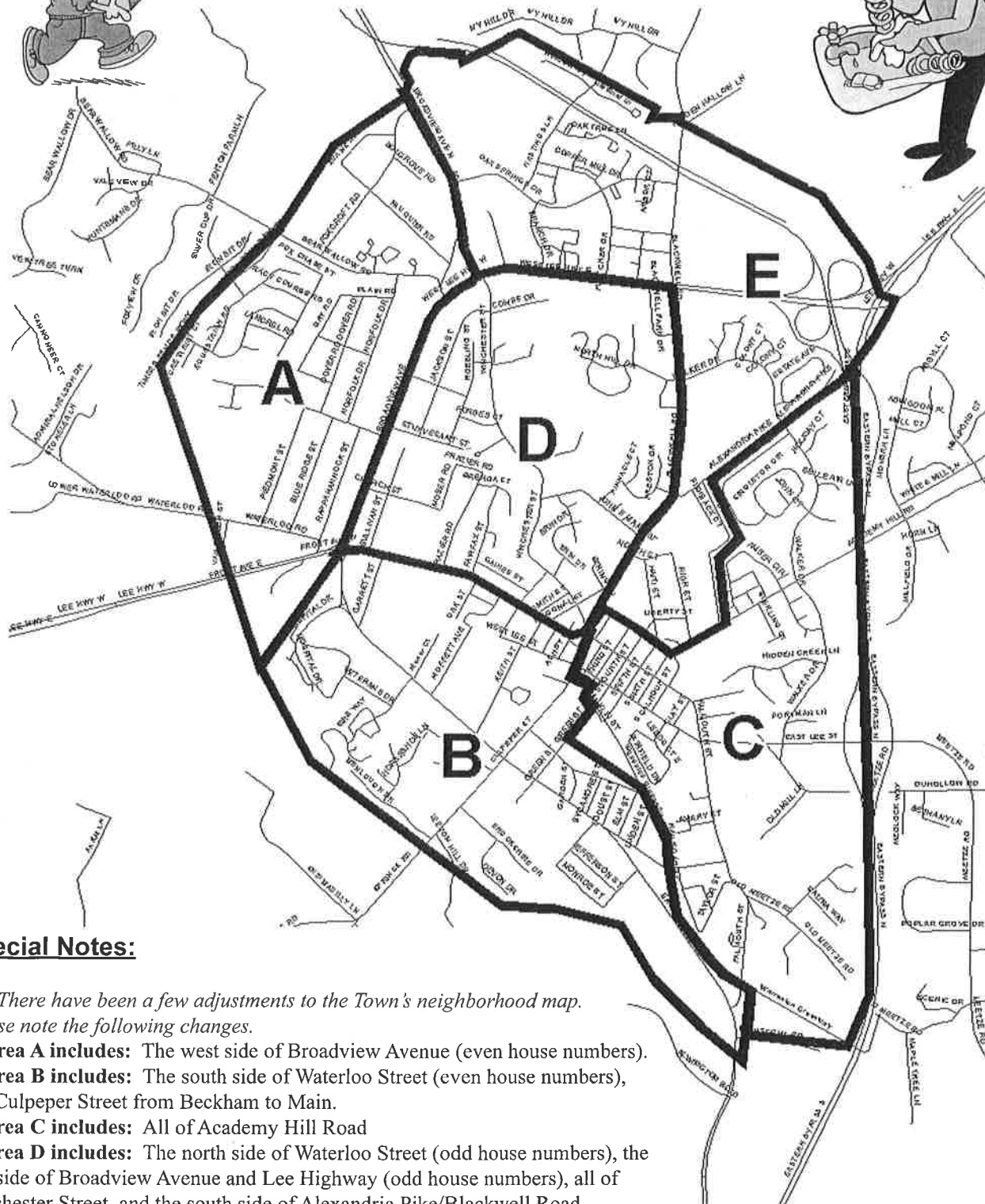


The Warrenton Town Cemetery is one of the treasures of Warrenton. Take a stroll through it on a nice spring day and enjoy nature while you learn a little history.



Town Area Map

For Spring Clean-Up Week



Special Notes:

There have been a few adjustments to the Town's neighborhood map. Please note the following changes.

- **Area A includes:** The west side of Broadview Avenue (even house numbers).
- **Area B includes:** The south side of Waterloo Street (even house numbers), and Culpeper Street from Beckham to Main.
- **Area C includes:** All of Academy Hill Road
- **Area D includes:** The north side of Waterloo Street (odd house numbers), the east side of Broadview Avenue and Lee Highway (odd house numbers), all of Winchester Street, and the south side of Alexandria Pike/Blackwell Road.
- **Area E includes:** The west side of Lee Highway, Blackwell Road/Oak Springs Drive, the north side of Blackwell Road/Alexandria Pike, and Walker Drive from Blackwell Road to Estate Avenue.



Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Fire Department.....	347-0522
Inspections.....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief.....	347-1105
Police Station.....	347-1107
Non-emergency.....	347-1100
Emergency.....	911
Planning and Zoning.....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center).....	349-2520
Recycling.....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager.....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY.....	1-800-828-1120

After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency
347-1100

Remembering Our Departed Town Servants

In a lasting tribute to two Warrenton Town Councilmen who recently passed away, you might notice their names on Town street signs.

To honor former Councilman John E. Mann, King Street has been renamed "John E. Mann Street," and bears a new sign to mark the change.

Mr. Mann served on the Town Council for fourteen years, retiring in 2000. He passed away last March at the age of 82.

It seemed fitting to honor former Councilman Robert Rice in a similar way. Rice's historic family home is located at the corner of Main and Sixth Streets, so Sixth Street has been designated "Honorary Bob Rice Way" in tribute to him.

Mr. Rice served on the Council for 18 years, and two years as the Town's Vice Mayor. He passed away last fall at the age of 79.

These men gave years of service to the citizens of the Town of Warrenton, and will be long remembered by Town residents and staff. ■

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